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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FAHMY

1. UPON THEIR RETURN TWO DAYS AGO, THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY WENT DIRECTLY TO ALEXANDRIA WHERE THEY ARE NOW. I HAVE ASKED TO MEET WITH ISMAIL, BUT AM STILL WAITING TO HAVE A TIME FIXED. IT COULD BE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW, SUNDAY, OR NOT UNTIL TUESDAY.

2. ON OF THE THINGS I WANT TO GET SOME HARD INFORMATION ON IS EXACTLY WHEN FAHMY EXPECTS TO GO TO THE US. IN TALKING TODAY WITH HIS CHEF-DE-CABINET, OSAMA EL-BAZ NOTED FAHMY HAD BEEN THINKING OF GOING DIRECTLY FROM THE NETHERLANDS TO WASHINGTON ON SEPT 19 AND SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE GOING UP TO NEW YORK, HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER FAHMY HAS CHANGED HIS THINKING AND UNDERTOOK TO CHECK. I WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS I GET SOME HARD INFORMATION SO THAT THE MEETING WE SPOKE ABOUT CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE FAHMY YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE ME/LEBANON SITUATION AS DEVELOPED DURING OUR TEHRAN MEETING. AS YOU KNOW, ALTHOUGH I SPOKE TO THE
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PRESIDENT ABOUT IT, I COULD NOT DO SO WITH FAHMY SINCE

HE LEFT ON AUGUST 9 FOR COLOMBO.

4. FINALLY, I WANT BOTH FAHMY AND THE PRESIDENT TO
KNOW THAT I PLAN TO GO ON HOME LEAVE O/A SEPT 5 WITH
A VIEW TO BEING BACK HERE BY THE END OF RAMADAN, ABOUT
SEPT 26 OR 27. I WOULD NOT WANT TO GO UNLESS SADAT
IS AGREEABLE AND FEELS COMFORTABLE ABOUT MY BEING AWAY
FOR THAT TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE SENT WORD
TO FAHMY THAT, IF THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME
WHEN I AM IN ALEXANDRIA, I WILL BE AT HIS DISPOSAL.
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